

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please replace the paragraph at page 4, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A first aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; performing a first rotational operation before joining the four-finger body with a thumb sheath, wherein the first rotational operation is performed by transferring stitches of the four-finger body held by knitting needles to free needles and moving at least one of the front and back needles beds in a racking motion so as to rotate the four-finger body towards knitting needles holding stitches of the thumb sheath; and joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath.~~

A first aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; performing a first rotational operation and a second rotational operation before joining the four-finger body with a thumb sheath, wherein the first rotational operation is performed by transferring stitches of the four-finger body held by knitting needles to free needles and moving at least one of the front and back needles beds in a racking motion so as to rotate the four-finger body towards knitting needles holding stitches of the thumb sheath, and wherein the second rotational operation is performed by transferring the stitches of the thumb sheath held by the knitting needles to free needles and moving said at least one of the front and back needles beds in

a racking motion so as to rotate the thumb sheath within a range of 1/4 of a round or less; and joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 5, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~According to this method, the joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath can be made more similar to the shape of an actual human hand, and the entire glove is given a three-dimensional structure. This reduces the feeling of tightness at the backhand side of the base portion of the thumb when the glove is worn, and thus contributes to a better fit of the glove on the hand.~~

According to this method, the joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath can be made more similar to the shape of an actual human hand, and the entire glove is given a three-dimensional structure. This reduces the feeling of tightness at the backhand side of the base portion of the thumb when the glove is worn, and thus contributes to a better fit of the glove on the hand. Further, the rotational operation for the thumb sheath prevents the body portion of a human thumb from being in contact with bulging portions disposed at opposite sides of a fingertip curve-line formed at the tip of the thumb sheath. This prevents a sense of discomfort when the glove is worn and thus contributes to better workability.

**Please delete the paragraph at page 5, line 23:**

~~Furthermore, in the method for knitting the glove according to the first aspect of the present invention, a second rotational operation may be performed before joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath, wherein the second rotational operation is performed by transferring the stitches of the thumb sheath held by the knitting needles to free needles and moving at least one of the front and back needles beds in a racking motion so as to rotate the thumb sheath within a range of 1/4 of a round or less. In this case, the four-finger body is joined with the thumb sheath after the second rotational operation.~~

**Please delete the paragraph at page 6, line 7:**

~~According to this method, the rotational operation for the thumb sheath prevents the body portion of a human thumb from being in contact with bulging portions disposed at opposite sides of a fingertip curve-line formed at the tip of the thumb sheath. This prevents a sense of discomfort when the glove is worn and thus contributes to better workability.~~

**Please replace the paragraph at page 6, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A second aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; overlapping some stitches of a thumb sheath with a predetermined number of stitches on a palm-side of the four-finger body from an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger sheath before joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath; performing a cast-off process on the overlapping stitches; and knitting a five-finger body.~~

A second aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; performing the rotational operation by transferring the stitches of the thumb sheath held by knitting needles to free needles and moving at least one of the front and back needles beds in a racking motion so as to rotate the thumb sheath within a range of 1/4 of a round or less; overlapping some stitches of a thumb sheath with a predetermined number of stitches on a palm-side of the four-finger body from an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger

sheath before joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath; performing a cast-off process on the overlapping stitches; and knitting a five-finger body.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 7, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~According to this method, the joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath can be made more similar to the shape of an actual human hand, and the entire glove is given a three-dimensional structure. This reduces the feeling of tightness at the backhand side of the base portion of the thumb when the glove is worn, and thus contributes to a better fit of the glove on the hand.~~

According to this method, the joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath can be made more similar to the shape of an actual human hand, and the entire glove is given a three-dimensional structure. This reduces the feeling of tightness at the backhand side of the base portion of the thumb when the glove is worn, and thus contributes to a better fit of the glove on the hand. Further, the rotational operation for the thumb sheath prevents the body portion of a human thumb from being in contact with bulging portions disposed at opposite sides of a fingertip curve-line formed at the tip of the thumb sheath. This prevents a sense of discomfort when the glove is worn and thus contributes to better workability.

**Please delete the paragraph at page 7, line 20:**

~~Furthermore, a rotational operation may be performed before overlapping some of the stitches of the thumb sheath with some of the stitches of the four-finger body, wherein the rotational operation is performed by transferring the stitches of the thumb sheath held by knitting needles to free needles and moving at least one of the front and back needles beds in a racking motion so as to rotate the thumb sheath within a range of 1/4 of a round or less. In this case, the overlapping process of some of the stitches of the four-finger body and the thumb sheath, and the cast-off process on the overlapping stitches are performed after the rotational operation.~~

**Please delete the paragraph at page 8, line 5:**

~~According to this method, the rotational operation for the thumb sheath prevents the body portion of a human thumb from being in contact with bulging portions disposed at opposite sides of a fingertip curve-line formed at the tip of the thumb sheath. This prevents a sense of discomfort when the glove is worn and thus contributes to better workability.~~

**Please replace the paragraph at page 8, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A third aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; knitting a thumb sheath; joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath; and knitting a five-finger body while reducing a knitting width of a palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body.~~

A third aspect according to the present invention provides a method for knitting a glove by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. This method includes the steps of knitting a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; knitting a thumb sheath; joining the four-finger body with the thumb sheath; and knitting a five-finger body such that a palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body has a less number of stitches than a backhand-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body, whereby the thumb sheath protrudes outward from the palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body and is disposed in a rotating manner with respect to the palm-side fabric-segment.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 11, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A fourth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. The four-finger body is joined with the thumb sheath such that a joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath is disposed on a palm-side of the four-finger body at a section between an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger sheath and a center of a palm.~~

A fourth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. The four-finger body is joined with the thumb sheath such that a joining position between the four-finger body and the thumb sheath is disposed on a palm-side of the four-finger body at a section between an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger sheath and a center of a palm, wherein the thumb sheath is joined with the four-finger body such that the thumb sheath is rotated within a range of 1/4 of a round or less.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A fifth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front~~

~~and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. Some stitches of the thumb sheath are overlapped with a predetermined number of stitches on a palm-side of the four-finger body from an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger sheath, the overlapping stitches being cast off.~~

A fifth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. Some stitches of the thumb sheath are overlapped with a predetermined number of stitches on a palm-side of the four-finger body from an end of the four-finger body proximate an index-finger sheath in a state such that the thumb sheath is rotated within a range of 1/4 of a round or less, the overlapping stitches being cast off.

**Please replace the paragraph at page 12, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

~~A sixth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. A five-finger body is formed such that a knitting width of a palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body is reduced.~~

A sixth aspect according to the present invention provides a glove knitted by using a flat-knitting device including at least a pair of front and back needle beds which extend in a horizontal direction while facing each other from front and back directions, at least one of the front and back needle beds being movable horizontally in a racking motion, the flat-knitting device capable of transferring stitches between the front and back needle beds. The glove includes a four-finger body through which a little finger, a ring finger, a middle finger, and an index finger are to be inserted; and a thumb sheath. After the four-finger body is joined with the thumb sheath, a five-finger body is formed such that a palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body has a less number of stitches than a backhand-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body, whereby the thumb sheath protrudes outward from the palm-side fabric-segment of the five-finger body and is disposed in a rotating manner with respect to the palm-side fabric-segment.